In the Claims:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A communication system for providing temporary wireless telephone numbers, the system comprising:

a first switching system configured to automatically receive a registration request from a wireless call device without an assigned telephone number when the wireless call device is powered on, and process the registration request to generate a registration message; and

a service control point configured to receive the registration message, process the registration message to determine if the wireless call device is subscribed to a temporary wireless number service, and responsive to determining that the wireless call device is subscribed to the temporary wireless number service, process the registration message to automatically assign a temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ public switched telephone network (PSTN) number to the wireless call device and generate and provide a registration response message to the first switching system that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number.

2. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 1 wherein subsequent to receiving the registration response message from the service control point, the first switching system is configured to receive a call request from the wireless call device and process the call request to complete a call to a called number.

3. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 1 wherein the service control point is configured to process the registration message to validate the wireless call device.

4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 1 wherein the service control point is configured to process the registration message to generate and provide a first query message that includes a request for the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 4 further comprising:

a second switching system configured to receive the first query message and process the first query message to generate a second query message that includes the request for the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number and process a first response message to generate a second response message for the service control point that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number; and

a wireless telephone number server configured to receive the second query message from the second switching system and process the second query message to select the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number from a pool of temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN numbers and generate and provide the first response message to the second switching system.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 5 wherein the service control point is configured to process the second response message to associate the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number with the wireless call device and generate and provide the registration response message to the first switching system.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 5 wherein the service control point is configured to generate and provide a context message that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number.

8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 7 further comprising

a voice response unit configured to receive the context message and a second call request from the wireless call device and process the second call request to provide the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number to a user of the wireless call device.

9. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 5 wherein the first switching system is configured to receive a third call request from the wireless call device and process the third call request to generate a third query message that includes a request for call handling information and the service control point is configured to receive the third query message and process the third query message to generate and provide the call handling information to the first switching system, wherein the call handling information includes instructions to route the call request to a second called number.

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 5 wherein the service control point is configured to automatically release the temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN number back into the pool of temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN numbers after a predetermined period of time.

11. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 10 wherein the predetermined period of time is one day.

12. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 10 wherein the predetermined period of time is one week.

13. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 10 wherein the predetermined period of time is one month.

14. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The system of claim 10 wherein the voice response unit is configured to receive a fourth call request from the wireless call device and process the fourth call request to generate a first release message for the service control point and the service control point is configured to process the first release message to generate a second release message for the second switching system and the second switching system is configured to process the second release message to generate a third release message for the wireless number server and the wireless number server is configured to release the temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN number back into the pool of temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN numbers.

15. (ORIGINAL) The system of claim 14 wherein the service control point is configured to generate and provide the second release message in response to an expiration of the predetermined period of time.

16. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 8 wherein the service control point is configured to generate and provide billing information to the voice response unit and the voice response unit is configured to provide the billing information to the user of the wireless call device in response to a fifth call request from the wireless call device.

17. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 10 wherein the voice response unit is configured to receive a sixth call request from the wireless call device and process the sixth call request to generate a request message for the service control point that includes a request for an extension of the predetermined period of time and the service control point is configured to process the request message to extend the predetermined period of time.

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for operating a communication system that provides temporary wireless telephone numbers, the method comprising:

automatically receiving a registration request in a first switching system from a wireless call device when the wireless device is powered on;

processing the registration request to generate a registration message for a service control point;

receiving the registration message in the service control point;

processing the registration message to determine if the wireless call device is subscribed to a temporary wireless number service;

responsive to determining that the wireless call device is subscribed to the temporary wireless number service, processing the registration message to automatically assign a temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number to the wireless call device and generate a registration response message for the first switching system that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number; and

providing the registration response message to the first switching system.

19. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 18 the method further comprising:

receiving a call request from the wireless call device in the first switching system subsequent to receiving the registration response message from the service control point; and

processing the call request to complete a call to a called number.

20. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 18 the method further comprising:

processing the registration message in the service control point to validate the wireless call device.

21. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 18 the method further comprising:

processing the registration message in the service control point to generate a first query message that includes a request for the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number; and

providing the first query message.

22. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 21 the method further comprising:

receiving the first query message in a second switching system;

processing the first query message to generate and provide a second query message that includes the request for the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number;

receiving the second query message in a wireless telephone number server;

processing the second query message to select the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number from a pool of temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN numbers and generate and provide a first response message to the second switching system; and

processing the first response message in the second switching system to generate and provide a second response message to the service control point that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 22 the method further comprising:

processing the second response message in the service control point to associate the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number with the wireless call device; and

generating and providing the registration response message to the first switching system.

24. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 22 the method further comprising:

generating a context message in the service control point that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number; and

providing the context message to a voice response unit.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 24 the method further comprising

receiving the context message in the voice response unit;

receiving a second call request from the wireless call device in the voice response unit; and

processing the second call request to provide the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number to a user of the wireless call device.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 22 the method further comprising:

receiving a third call request in the first switching system from the wireless call device;

processing the third call request to generate a third query message for the service control point that includes a request for call handling information; and

receiving the third query message in the service control point and processing the third query message to generate and provide the call handling information to the first switching system, wherein the call handling information includes instructions to route the call request to a second called number.

27. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 24 the method further comprising:

automatically releasing the temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN number back into the pool of temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN numbers after a predetermined period of time.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 27 wherein the predetermined period of time is one day.

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 27 wherein the predetermined period of time is one week.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The system of claim 27 wherein the predetermined period of time is one month.

31. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 27 the method further comprising:

receiving a fourth call request in the voice response unit from the wireless call device and processing the fourth call request to generate a first release message for the service control point;

processing the first release message in the service control point to generate a second release message for the second switching system;

processing the second release message in the second switching system to generate a third release message for the wireless number server;

processing the third release message in the wireless number server to release the temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN number back into the pool of temporary ~~wireless~~ PSTN numbers.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 31 the method further comprising:

generating the second release message in the service control point in response to an expiration of the predetermined period of time; and

providing the second release message to the second switching system.

33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 25 the method further comprising:

generating billing information in the service control point and providing the billing information to the voice response unit;

receiving a fifth call request in the voice response unit; and

providing the billing information to the user of the wireless call device in response to the fifth call request from the wireless call device.

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 27 the method further comprising:

receiving a sixth call request from the wireless call device in the voice response unit;

processing the sixth call request to generate a request message for the service control point that includes a request for an extension of the predetermined time period;

processing the request message in the service control point to extend the predetermined period of time.

35. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A communication system for providing temporary wireless telephone numbers, the system comprising:

a first switching system configured to receive a registration request from a wireless call device without an assigned telephone number when the wireless device dials an access number, process the registration request to generate a registration message; and

a service control point configured to receive the registration message, including the dialed number, process the registration message to determine if the wireless call device is subscribed to a temporary wireless number service, and responsive to determining that the wireless call device is subscribed to the temporary wireless number service, process the registration message to automatically assign a temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number to the wireless call device and generate and provide a registration response message to the first switching system that includes the temporary ~~wireless telephone~~ PSTN number.